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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ZOOM LENS SYSTEM, IMAGE-PROJECTING AND IMAGE PICK-UP DEVICES USING THE SAME
the specification of which ☐ is attached hereto ; or ☒ was filed on December 13, 2001 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 10/022,556
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Japan	382025/2000 (Pat.)	15/December/2000	Yes

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ZOOM LENS AND OPTICAL APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by me on September 1, 1998
and which has been recorded Application No. 09/145,241

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